Government propose to take to stengthen the public distribution system and its effective implementation in various parts of the country particularly in rural and tribal areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): The State Government/Union Territory Administrations are primarily responsible for the organisation and administrations of the Public Distibution System in their respective areas. They have been advised to strengthen and streamline the public distribution system with special emphasis on covering the inaccessible, far-flung, tribal and rural areas in their territories. All the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations have also been requested to achieve a norm of one fair price shop for every 2000 persons which could, however, be relaxed for remote, inaccessible and far-flung areas.

Setting up of units of Super Bazar in Delhi

2381. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of branches of Super Bazar working in Delhi; and

(b) the names of the colonies in Delhi where Government propose to set up new branches of Super Bazar during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) 104 branches of Super Bazar are working in Delhi/New Delhi.

(b) Super Bazar proposes to set up 16 new branches during the current cooperative year as per details given below:—

1. Garhi Village (East of Kailash)
2. Raghubir Nagar.
3. Tilak Vihar.
4. Basant Enclave SF Group.
5. Panchsheel (Near RBI Colony).
6. Pitampura Pocket 'R'.
7. Vikaskunj (Bodella).
8. Bodella (Vikaspuri) J-Block, Pocket JG-II.
9. Punjabi Bagh Extn.
10. Yamuna Vihar.
11. Vaishali (Pitampura).
12. Udai Park.
13. Kalkaji (near Main bus stand).
14. DESU Colony (Shalimar).
15. Krishi Vihar.
16. Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital Complex.

Agricultural Credit Relief and Guarantee Fund

2382. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for creation of Agricultural Credit Relief and Guarantee Fund at the National Level by obtaining contribution from NABARD, RBI and Central Government;

(b) whether similar funds are also likely to be created in the States from the budgetary provisions of Central Government and State Governments as well as from the National Level banking organisations, like NABARD to be utilised for writing off of principal and interest in respect of the farmers whose crops have been damaged due to natural calamities; and

(c) if so, the broad outlines of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c) There is no proposal under Government's consideration for creation of Agricultural Credit Relief and Guarantee Fund at the National Level at present.

In pursuance of the recommendations of the Rural Credit Survey Committee, the following State Governments have created Agricultural Credit and Relief